

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: DNA EXPRESSION IN TRANSFECTED CELLS )  
AND ASSAYS CARRIED OUT IN TRANSFECTED )  
CELLS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the claims fees in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3, delete "1 or".

Claim 4, delete "any of Claims 1-3" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 5, delete "any of Claims 1-4" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 6, delete "any of Claims 1-5" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 8, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 9, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 11, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 12, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

Claim 13, delete "any of Claims 1-11" and insert therefor -- Claim 1 --.

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